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River Street Historic District  
352 W. St. James Street  
San Jose  
Santa Clara County  
California

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San Francisco, California 94107**

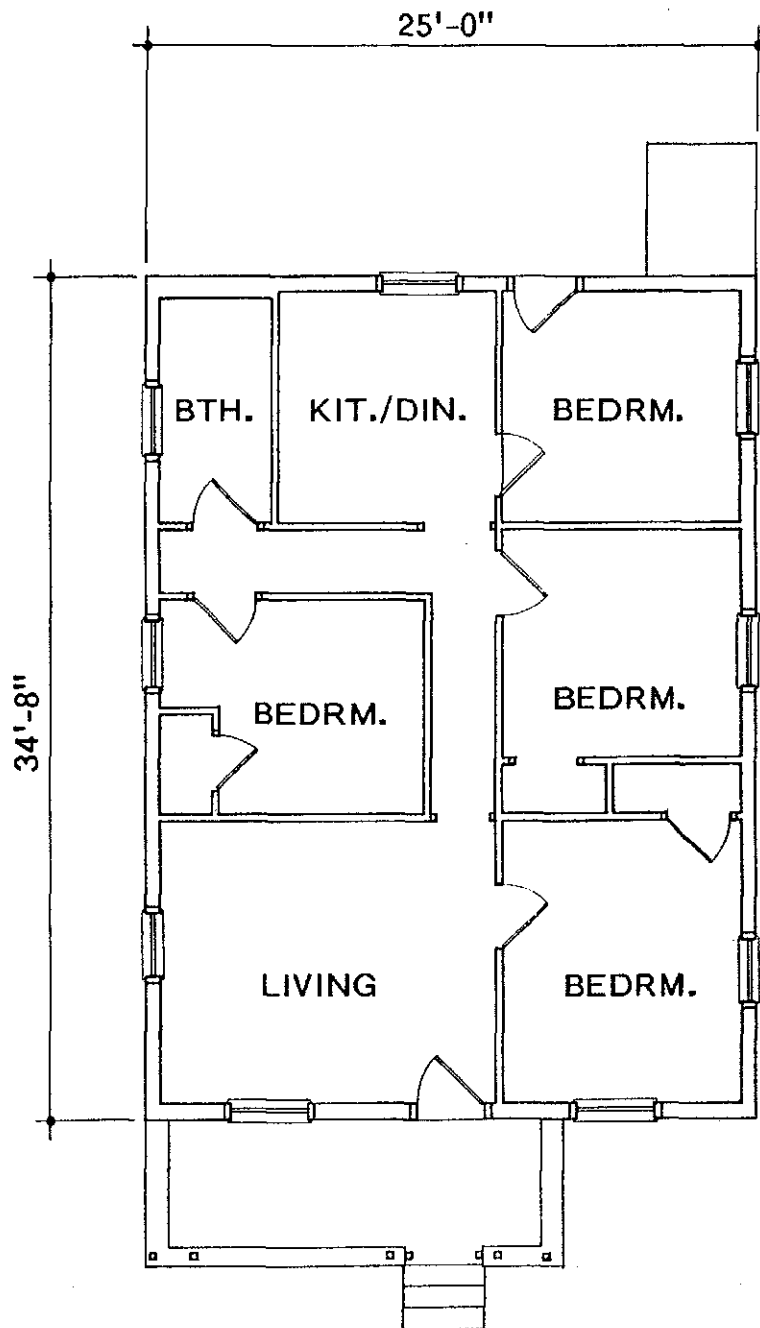
HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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- Location:** 352 West St. James Street, River Street Historic District  
San Jose, Santa Clara County, California  
UTM Coordinates: 10-597640-4132520
- Significance:** The Eugene Parra House, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth century and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.
- Description:** The Eugene Parra House is a one-story wood framed cottage with a hipped roof. It is clad in V-groove rustic siding with a wood shingle roof. It includes a shed-roofed porch, offset to the east of the facade. In style and structure it is quite similar to the houses at 338 and 366 West St. James Street.
- The front door is centered between two fixed windows. These windows contain the original wood mullions that form a modified nine-square pattern with a small square in each corner. The door leads into the living room. Originally, three bedrooms appear to have occupied the length on the west wall, with the dining room, kitchen, and bathroom along the east wall. Currently, the dining room has been converted into a bedroom. Like the other buildings along St. James Street, this house also has a basement access door on the southwest corner at the rear of the building. The residence also contains four rooms under the hipped roof with the remaining areas housed under the shed addition to the rear.
- History:** This house was built speculatively as a small rental house in order to accommodate the new arrivals within the district. This house was occupied by several tenants between its construction around 1910 and the mid 1920s. Occupants during this era included R.C. Fremont, a millman, from 1920 to 1923 and Eugene Parra, a laborer and the first owner/occupant, from 1924 to 1925. In 1928 the house was occupied by Samuel Debono, a laborer, who lived here until 1936.
- Sources:** California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.  
San Jose City Directories.  
San Jose 1924 Block Map.
- Historian:** Hardlines: Design & Delineation  
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1' - 0"